

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1574 - SB 1561**

January 13, 2020

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes certain local governments to expand special speed limit zones within their jurisdiction to include roads within one-fourth mile of a school.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$53,000/FY20-21/Permissive**

Assumptions:

- The proposed language is applicable only to Sumner County, the cities of Gallatin, Goodlettsville, Hendersonville, Millersville, Mitchellville, Portland, Westmoreland, and White House.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-8-152(d)(1)(A), counties and municipalities are authorized to establish special speed limit zones for areas adjacent to a school. The proposed language would authorize the applicable local governments to expand zones to within one-fourth of a mile from the school.
- In order to establish or expand any special speed limit zone around a school, the local government is required to first conduct an engineering investigation and then post warning flashers and proper signage indicating when the special speed limit is active within the zone.
- According to Sumner County, decisions regarding speed limits surrounding the 49 public schools within the jurisdiction will be decided on a case-by-case basis.
- It is reasonably assumed that at least 10 percent, or 5, of the public schools within Sumner County will establish or expand special speed limit zones as a direct result of the proposed legislation.
- Expenditures associated with engineering investigations will vary but are on average estimated to be \$500.
- While a precise extent of expenditures associated with providing signage will depend upon multiple unknown variables such as the number of locations where signage will be required, and the type of signage and flasher purchased, it is reasonably assumed that each school will require at least \$10,000 in signage and flashers.
- Any vote required of the local legislative body will be conducted at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- Any fine revenue collected from citations issued within special speed limit zones is not estimated to result in any significant increase in state or local government revenue.

- The courts will not experience a significant increase in caseloads; therefore, any impact to the court system is estimated to be not significant.
- The proposed legislation is estimated to result in a one-time permissive increase in local expenditures in FY20-21 estimated to exceed \$52,500 [(\$10,000 signage + \$500 engineering investigation) x 5 schools].

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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